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Examiner: Smith, Ruth S.

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In re Application of: Natalia I. Afanassieva

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR SPECTROSCOPIC ANALYSIS OF HUMAN
OR ANIMAL TISSUE OR BODY FLUIDS

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND
RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Examiner:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 30, 2005, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.